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333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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Public Notice

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit #NEV96015 from the following applicant:

Sierra Pacific Power Company
P. O. Box 10100
6100 Neil Road, M/S S4BO8
Reno, Nevada 89520

Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) operates the North Valmy Power Plant coal fired generating facility located North of Valmy in Humboldt County, approximately 16 miles west of Battle Mountain, Nevada. Sierra Pacific Power Company has applied for a permit to continue the discharge of cooling water and other power plant generated wastestreams to lined evaporation ponds. The permittee is required to monitor the wastewater in the ponds and the groundwater to ensure that the waters of the State are not adversely impacted. The proposed permit will be for a period of (5) five years.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request,

in writing, within thirty (30) days of newspaper publication, by February 28, 2005, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
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333 West Nye Lane
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The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted.

All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyl Mulligan of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9432. Copies of this document and the Fact Sheet may be printed from the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.